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Upon retirement as judge

## Gary McAiley honored with ceremony

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Twelfth Judicial Circuit Court Judge Gary McAiley officially said "so long" to his judge's seat Friday afternoon, Jan. 17, as he was honored with a retirement celebration inside the Coffee County Courthouse in Enterprise.

McAiley recently accepted an appointment from the governor to serve as district attorney for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit of Alabama for the next two years in place of former district attorney Mark Fuller who accepted an appointment to a federal judgeship.

With McAiley set to begin a new phase in his career, he chose to retire from his judge's seat thus allowing his colleagues, family and friends to gather Friday in honor of his career as a judge which extends over more than a quarter of a century.

McAiley began his judge's career in Kinston. He was the last Inferior Judge for Coffee County and elected the first District Judge for the county.

In speaking of McAiley's

new venture, Judge Steven Blair said, "This is, I think, the start of another career for Judge McAiley."

Many of the speakers took an opportunity to joke with McAiley about his career as a judge and his switch to prosecu-

tor, but all seemed to agree that he has served the people of the area well as a judge for Coffee and Pike counties.

"His professionalism, knowl-

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## Two judge vacancies filled

Governor Don Siegelman made a couple more decisions affecting Coffee County before leaving office recently as he named a new circuit judge for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit and a new district judge for Coffee County.

The circuit judge spot became vacant following the appointment of Gary McAiley as district attorney for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, and Siegelman named Judge Steven E. Blair to that spot.

Blair's appointment became

effective Monday, Jan. 13; however, his appointment left a vacancy in the district judge's spot for Coffee County.

Therefore, Siegelman filled this post by naming John C. Dowling of Enterprise as the new district judge for Coffee County. His appointment also became effective Monday, Jan. 13.

Each judge was notified of the appointment by letter from Siegelman in which he said, "I

appreciate your serving in this capacity, and I am confident you will render a valuable service to the citizens of Alabama."

John Dowling

## Mobile home fire claims infant's life



Tragedy struck just south of Kinston Saturday, Jan. 18, when an afternoon mobile home fire claimed the life of one child and caused injuries to two other children. At approximately 4:28 p.m. last Saturday, the Kinston Fire Department was notified of a mobile home fire on Coffee County Rd. 479 just inside the Covington County line (2 miles south of Kinston on the Covington/Coffee County line). Upon arrival, firefighters found the home of David and Staci Wise burning with three young children trapped inside, along with a 16-year-old male (whose name was not available). The 16-year-old, reported as the babysitter, was able to remove one child and assisted emergency personnel in removing the other two from the mobile home; however, the youngest of the three, 18-month-old D.J. Wise, died from injuries sustained. The two other brothers, Alex and Austin, also sustained injuries and were transported to Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp and then later to the Shriners Burn Center in Birmingham. The 16-year-old was also taken to Mizell Memorial but was released after an overnight stay. Also responding to the fire were units from the Opp Fire Department, Ino Fire Department, Flat Creek Fire Department and Covington County Sheriff's Department. According to authorities, the cause of the fire is still under investigation by various agencies and State Fire Marshal Kenny Hardin.

## Elba native appointed by Gov. Riley as legal advisor

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Prior to his inauguration on Monday of this week, Governor Bob Riley spent the past few weeks appointing individuals to serve in his cabinet, and an Elba native received one of those appointments last Thursday, Jan. 16.

Troy King, age 34, formerly of Elba, was appointed to be Riley's legal advisor. King joins the cabinet after serving

most recently as assistant attorney general to Bill Pryor.

"As a member of my staff for the last four years, Troy has demonstrated a remarkable work ethic, sterling integrity, balanced judgment, a keen intellect and adherence to conservative principles," Pryor said in a prepared statement. "Troy brings to the job of legal advisor a wealth of experience gained not only in

legal advisor and executive secretary to Governor Fob James."

Pryor went on to say that

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## Area Happenings

**THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** will hold its regular bi-monthly meeting Monday, Jan. 27, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton. The public is invited to attend.

**THE ELBA CITY COUNCIL** will hold its regular bi-monthly meeting Monday, Jan. 27, at 9 p.m. in the council chamber of the city hall. The public is invited to attend.

**NEW BROCKTON HONORS KING**...Citizens of New Brockton were greeted by a sunny day Monday, Jan. 20, as they gathered for a "Walk in Remembrance" honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. More than 50 individuals attended a short service at the old Warren Smith School before beginning their journey from the school to Poplar Springs Baptist Church. Through the years, New Brockton has continued to celebrate Dr. King's life with the walk in remembrance in hopes of keeping his "dream" alive. Once those participating in the walk reached the church, a formal program was presented, and the celebration reminded everyone of the importance of the day.



**HOME DAMAGED BY FIRE**...The Elba Fire Department, along with units from the Elba Police Department and Coffee County EMS, responded last Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 15, to a house fire at 980 Carver Drive. Upon arriving at the scene, firefighters found a front bedroom of the house to be engulfed with flames as it was spreading through the attic. The fire appeared to have originated in that bedroom and completely destroyed the contents within it. However, firefighters were able to extinguish the flames before spreading occurred beyond the bedroom and attic thus leaving the rest of the home with smoke and heat damage. No injuries resulted from this fire as the home, owned by E.J. and Gladys Yelverton, was unoccupied at the time. Above, a family member uses a water hose to try and keep the fire from spreading while awaiting the arrival of Elba's volunteer firefighters.

## Elba City School Board hears report of continued progress on financial status

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board heard an upbeat report Tuesday evening, January 14th as Superintendent Danny Weeks

reported the system continues to pull away from the financial crisis it was facing a year ago. Weeks added that if state funds continue to be allocated as approved by the Alabama legislature, the local system will continue to survive and furnish a quality education to area children.

However if a revenue shortfall on the state level again forces proration as some experts are predicting, the local system could again be in a crisis situation, according to Weeks.

In addition to the dedicated efforts of the entire staff and administration of the school system, the volunteer donations of local citizens through the utility bill check off continues to be a big boost to the system. Mr. Weeks noted that a recent letter to former students is beginning to pay financial dividends to the school system. Some respondents are paying the monthly donation and some are sending in a full year's amount at one time.

The financial picture will also be some better when the recently passed wet-dry petition begins to generate tax monies for the schools.

David Stokes reported to the school board on the status of

several federal programs and the impact each has on the local school system.

According to Stokes, there is over \$300,000 a year presently

being received by the Elba School System through various grants applied for and approved for local use. The largest part of

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## EDITORIAL

## Volunteer firefighters should be thanked for their service

by Linda Hodge, Editor

I was saddened to hear about the tragic fire just south of Kinston over the weekend, and

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Jan. 13, 2003, investigated the following incidents: three for possession of marijuana, four for possession of drug paraphernalia, one resisting arrest, one possession of a controlled substance, two for theft of property, two for burglary, two for driving under the influence, one reckless endangerment, one lost cell phone, one missing equipment, one robbery, one harassment, one criminal trespassing, one lost property and one criminal littering.

The following arrests were made: one for probation violation, two for failure to appear, five for possession of marijuana, six for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for resisting arrest, one for possession of a controlled substance, one for theft of property, one for burglary and two for driving under the influence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for carrying a pistol without a permit, one for driving the wrong way on a one-way street, two for driving with a suspended driver's license, one for no proof of insurance, one for driving with driver's license not in possession, one for driving with a revoked driver's license, one for driving with no insurance, one for reckless endangerment and one for attempting to elude.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

**MONDAY, JANUARY 13** - River stage - 6.78 feet (7:18 a.m.); Routine activity.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 14** - Prowler reported at 1229 Caroline St. (12:37 a.m.); Fire alarm activated at Donkey Trailers (12:43 a.m.); River stage - 6.71 feet (7:09 a.m.); Breaking and entering reported at 661 Lee St. (4:45 p.m.); Wreck reported on Hwy. 84 W (11:19 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck on Hwy. 84 W (11:20 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the wreck on Hwy. 84 W (11:26 p.m.).

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• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall  
• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m.-City Hall  
• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday-6 p.m. - City Hall  
• GREY SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church-enter on side on W. Davis St.-Maggie Garrett Classroom.  
• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton  
• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thru. - 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office  
• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month-7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.  
• MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month-7 p.m. - 7 p.m. - 430 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858  
• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858  
• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House  
• COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise  
• ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 2nd Thursday at noon, Driscoll Hanger at the Airport  
• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month  
• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 1st & 3rd Monday 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room  
• NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

my heart goes out to those suffering during this time of loss. However, I am reminded at the same time of how appreciative we should be to those men

and women who VOLUNTEER their time to be firefighters.

I don't know every detail of last weekend's event, but I am sure that had it not been for those volunteer firefighters who responded to the call for help last Saturday, the outcome of the fire surely would have been even more tragic.

Any man or woman that donates his/her time to help others should be thanked every day for the service they provide us. Often times we take for granted that many of the small fire departments in this and other areas consist solely of those people who simply volunteer their time. These people generally have other full time jobs but are willing to answer a call for help whenever it might

come. That reason alone is enough to offer a simple thanks to the firefighters for what they do each and every time they answer an emergency call to extinguish a fire whether it be a simple grass fire that takes only a matter of minutes or a fully engulfed structure fire that takes several hours to bring under control.

Hey, these people have to contain a desire to help others, why else would they run full blast into a burning building without a doubt in their mind, and I don't know about everyone else, but I am glad to know we have dedicated people in this area that will jump up, drop everything in a moment's notice and come to my assistance if the circumstance every shows itself.



Jan Dyess of Elba celebrated her 48th birthday on Tuesday, Jan. 21, with a special treat from the ladies at the Magic Mirror. Being a weekly visitor at the hair salon, the ladies helped her celebrate her birthday in style by hosting a birthday party.

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## JUDGE

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edge and experience will serve him in that position," said Circuit Judge Robert Barr. Judge McAlley has been a good judge, hardworking judge, and I'm sure he will be a good district attorney.

Even one of Coffee County's longest practicing lawyers, Jackson W. (Bill) Stokes, recognized McAlley's professionalism when he said, "The Twelfth Judicial has been blessed with great judges, and now it is blessed by a great district attorney."

Upon addressing the crowd, McAlley thanked everyone for the kind things they had said concerning his career as a judge and quickly moved to his agenda as district attorney.

"There are going to be some changes in our D.A.'s office," he said.

## KING

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King will be an invaluable asset to the new administration mostly because of his "institutional" knowledge of state government coupled with his insight on how the governor's office functions.

"I can truly say that Governor Riley's gain of Troy King is my loss, but state government and the state as a whole will be better for it," he said.

King grew up in Elba and currently lives in Montgomery. He received his Bachelor's degree in history and social sciences from Troy State University in 1990 and his law degree from the University of Alabama in 1994.

He has served as assistant attorney general at Pryor since 1999 and previously served on Bob James' staff from 1995-99.

McAlley discussed several areas he hopes to improve within the district attorney's office.

Although it is the job of the D.A.'s office to prosecute the people who are indicted for crimes, McAlley said the district attorney's office must also remember the victims. From now on, he said the victims will not be forgotten and will be allowed to know what is happening with cases.

McAlley also spoke of better restitution recovery in which he guaranteed that the state leaders in Montgomery would soon realize that the Twelfth Judicial Circuit is serious about this recovery, and finally, he vowed to improve the work being done by his office in the area of child support.

With all that said, those in attendance for the ceremony were asked to stand as Judge McAlley departed from the bench on last time.



Judge Steven Blair (left) administered the oath of office to Gary McAlley (right) for the position of district attorney for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit of Alabama last Friday, Jan. 17, during a ceremony honoring McAlley's career as a judge and celebrating his retirement from the bench.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

If anyone in the New Brockton area knows about or has seen the "Perpetual Care" sign removed from the Friendship-Adkison Cemetery please contact the Coffee County Sheriff or New Brockton Police Department.

The sign is 3 ft. x 4 ft. white with black lettering. All citizens need to be more aware of what is going on around you. A malicious act of vandalism carries a fine and imprisonment.

We all know that there is an

EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS  
WRITE A  
LETTER TO THE EDITOR



INAUGURATION DAY...With his family watching, Bob Riley (right) took his oath of office Monday, Jan. 20, in Montgomery and became the 57th Governor of the State of Alabama. Riley was joined by other state officials who also took their oath of office in front of a large crowd of Alabama citizens.

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of January 13, 2003, through January 19, 2003. They were: JoAnne Carlisle, Linda Odum, Denise Rodriguez, April McAllister, Gertrude Ennis, Logan McCown, Ronnie Parker, Jesse Young, Courtney Richardson, Betty Goodwin, Donnie Carpenter, Annie Boswell, Tasha Bundy, Charisi Powell, and Selena King.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Sheila Magwood, Lillie McGowan, Denise Rodriguez, Logan McCown, JoAnne Carlisle, April McAllister, Betty Goodwin, Donnie Carpenter, Gertrude Ennis, Charisi Powell, and Selena King.

## Note Of Thanks

The Family of JOSEPH McDERMOTT would like to express their sincere appreciation and gratitude to all of their friends and family who provided gifts of prayer, food, and support during their time of bereavement. They would also like to extend a special thanks to Fr. Joe Wadas, Fr. Hugh McGuire, and Fr. Peter Cunningham, Dr. Sinclear, Dr. Mayor, Dr. Adams, the Knights of Columbus and Wiregrass Hospice. May God bless you for your kindness.

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## Obituaries

**WILLARD COLEMAN**  
Willard "Puma" Coleman, age 44, died Jan. 16, 2003.

Funeral services were held Jan. 20, 2003 at Harris Temple Church of Gd In Christ with W.K. Ellison officiating. The burial followed at Rocky Head Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Coleman was preceded in death by his step-father, Mr. Thomas Williams; and brother Mr. Roderick "Twenty Bird" Williams.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Kathleen Williams, Elba; three children, Conalisa Caldwell, Elba; Yanira Coleman, Dothan, Ala.; and Kavonda Thrasher, Queens, N.Y.; five sisters, Connie (Michael) Banks, Kathryn Cole, Beverly Aponte, Lula Cole, all

of Elba; and Gloria (Miguel) Encarnacion, Ft. Campbell, Ky.; five brothers, Rufus (Willie Pearl) Williams, Arton, Ala.; Jimmy (Dianne) Coleman, Atlanta, Ga.; Bishop Hiron (Linda) Williams, Elba; Navonia Williams, Daleville, Ala.; Randy Williams, Calif.; four grandchildren; former wife, Denise Coleman, Dothan, Ala.; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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The City of Elba moves closer to making the legal sale of alcoholic beverages a reality as two local firms have officially filed their petition for a retail off premise license. Advertising for the public hearings on their respective petitions began appearing in this issue of The Elba Clipper. Anyone who has been keeping up with this movement knows that before the city is accepting any application, they are asking individuals and firms to first complete the necessary work to get state approval and then come for local approval. Both the two applicants in this week's paper have done that already.

It is a gloomy picture being painted in and around the state capital of Alabama. These problems are real and must be addressed by people smarter than this country boy. However we need to also remember that virtually every state in the United States is having problems and most appear to be far worse than those we see here in Alabama. There are some of the larger, more spend-spend states which are reporting bigger annual deficits than Alabama's total budget. A number of states are cutting vital health care programs but thus far Alabama is holding true in that area. The solution to these financial woes will probably be something none of us like, but we will be forced to hold our noses and approve it. . . . the alternative could be a whole lot worse.

Our dog hasn't been in the battle of words over the idea of a pay raise for Alabama legislators. The idea didn't float very long in the organizational session earlier this month and for the sake of all Alabama, we hope the idea is dead for now. With budget shortfalls everywhere, it is a bad time to bring up an always unpopular pay raise proposal. While anyone who travels knows the high (and rising) cost of motels and restaurant eating, there are many, many people in Alabama who can only dream of a total income anywhere near that of our legislators' individual "expense accounts". We suggest that once the budget problems diminish (read that as economy improves), the lawmakers should prepare a breakdown of the reasonable cost to stay in Montgomery during a session. This could be widely circulated and if a raise is justified, the numbers would show. It shouldn't be hard to assemble some real, believable numbers that most reasonable folks could accept. . . . they might even be acceptable to some newspaper editorial writers.

Regular satellite reports regularly give scientific types loads of information to use in their various fields of work. One weekly report that is sent out to all interested scientists (and to this newspaper publisher) gives an update on any and all ongoing major natural disasters, anywhere in the world. The wrap-up includes reports and satellite photographs. It is amazing to see the multitude of disasters which are occurring around the world week in and week out. This week we have in addition to the disastrous brushfires in Australia that made all the evening TV news shows, fires in Cambodia and other SE Asia countries; fires in the Llanas, which covers parts of both Columbia and Venezuela; in South America; biomass burning in West Africa; floods in SouthEast Africa; a cyclone in Fiji in the Pacific Ocean; a dust storm in Egypt and pictures of extensive prescribed burning in the Southern United States.

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# CHURCH & AREA NEWS

## A.M.E. Churches of S. AL Ninth District to hold gala banquet

The A.M.E. Churches of the South Alabama Conference, Ninth Episcopal District, will host a gala banquet on Saturday, February 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn West in Dothan. Donations of \$50.00 per ticket will be accepted, with proceeds going toward the construction of an A.M.E. Center to be used for church and community activities. Checks made payable to the South Alabama Conference Lay Organization may be mailed to Loretha Reeves, Lay Organization Treasurer, 417 Mallon St., Dothan, AL 36303. Attire for the banquet is formal or semi-formal. Tickets are available from Franklin Simmons (334-393-3827), Loretha Reeves (334-793-5876), and Juanita Gibson (334-564-4235). For more information, contact Ms. Knight at 334-727-7059 or James Roberts at 334-792-8249. Please RSVP by Jan 17 by calling Knight. Donations toward this effort will be accepted at any time and may be mailed to Reeves at the address listed above.



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## ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA - 897-2006

Scripture: Luke 6:1-25

\*\*\*Thinking of you, praying for you The Williams and Coleman families, E.J. and Gladys Yelverton, Estell Franklin, Leo Henderson, Johnnie M. Daniels, Anna M. Daniels, Shelia Magwood, Tammy Tillis, Lela Tyson, Evelyn Flournoy, Rev. N.L. Robinson, Ella M. Brooks. \*\*\*January Birthdays: Antwan Tillis - January 25.

## Artists encouraged to enter Alabama Migratory Waterfowl Stamp Contest

Alabama artists have the opportunity to become a member of an elite group of recognized wildlife artists by entering the annual Alabama Migratory Waterfowl Stamp contest. The contest opens January 1, 2003, and runs until February 18, and is sponsored by the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR). It is open to Alabama residents only. The winning entry will be used as the Alabama duck stamp for the 2004-2005 hunting season. Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division Director Corky Pugh says the contest provides an excellent opportunity for Alabama artists to display their skills. "Their efforts assist us in heightening the interest in

waterfowl and wildlife art, and in the growing recognition of the role hunters play in wildlife conservation."

The entry must be a rendering of a living species of North American migratory ducks or geese. Exceptions are the Ruddy Duck, Pintail, and Wood Duck because they have been selected within the past three years. Entries will be judged on the following:

- Suitability for reproduction
- Originality
- Artistic composition
- Anatomical accuracy
- General rendering

The submission must be the contestant's own original creation and may not be copied or duplicated from previously published art, including photographs. The design must be a horizontal drawing or painting not to exceed 9x12 inches. No scroll work, lettering, or signature can appear on the design itself. Each entry may be drawn in any medium desired by the contestant. The wing and feather construction must be particularly well defined, as a printer is reliant on the art of the naturalist for detail.

Judges for the contest are chosen annually. They will be recognized experts in the fields of ornithology, conservation and/or art. Interested artists should contact the Wildlife Section of the Department of Conservation to request a copy of the contest rules and reproduction rights agreement. Winners of the three previous year's contests, employees of the ADCNR, and members of the contest judging

## Victoria Baptist Church is planning revival services for January 26-28

Revival services will be held at Victoria Baptist Church located on Hwy. 125 (approx. 12 miles North of Elba). Gary and Mary Means will be the guest. Gary will present a chalk art ministry and Mary will assist with a ventriloquist program. These services are planned for January 26-28, and Sunday Night will begin at 6:00 and Monday & Tuesday night at 7:00.

Everyone is invited to attend.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

By Rev. W.K. Ellison  
Harris Temple COGIC

### The significance of blood

Leviticus 17:11

"For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul." Lev. 17:11

Blood is defined as the red fluid circulating in the body that takes nourishment to the body parts and carries away waste. But the most important biblical concept in regard to blood is the spiritual significance of the blood of sacrificial animals. Blood is the life of the living soul. Therefore, the life of the animal sacrifice was taken and the blood offered to God as a representative and substitute for the offerer. This text teaches the value of blood; it is the life of man and animal; therefore, sacrifice is a life for a life.

God has provided blood to cover sin.

After Adam and Eve violated divinely ordered commandments and disregarded divine boundaries, they discovered their nakedness (that is, they were morally and spiritually exposed) before God. They lost their state of innocence. They attempted to sew fig leaves together as a covering, but yet they were naked before God. God himself took the initiative to provide them covering (protection) through coats of skins. It is significant that blood had to be shed in order to provide a protective covering because of sin. The living creature was innocent and died a substitutionary death so that Adam and Eve could be covered through a blood sacrifice. Hebrews 9:22 states, "And almost all things are by the law purged (cleansed) with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission." Remission signifies a release from bondage or imprisonment, canceling out all judgment, punishment, obligation or debt. It is the blood that makes an atonement, at-one-ment, (covering) for our souls.

The Victory of the Cross

After God's refusal of the sacrificing of blemished animals, Jesus His only begotten son took on the form of human flesh and became the ultimate sacrifice for man's sin. His death on the cross provided our liberty from the bondage of sin and shame. He gave His life for our life. His blood became an atonement or covering for our sins.

The scripture referenced above denotes that the blood upon the altar makes a continual atonement (covering) for the soul. The soul is comprised of the will, the mind, the heart and the emotions. This is the area in which the enemy launches his attacks. He's constantly trying to regain control of what control us, the soul. But the blood makes a continual covering for the soul. The purpose of his attacks is to draw us out from the protection or covering of the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony, and they loved not their lives unto the death." This was a critical blow to Satan. Whenever Satan tries to steal your soul, plead the blood of Jesus. What do you mean by pleading the blood of Jesus? To plead means to pronounce sentence, to vindicate or punish, to govern and to litigate. The blood of Jesus is your defense. When we plead the blood of Jesus, we are reminding Satan of his sentence of death. We free our souls from his evil influences and punish him by reminding him of the victory of the Cross. The blood governs his attempts to regain his control in our lives by setting boundaries as to what he cannot do to us. Lastly, when we plead the blood of Jesus, we are litigating (going to go to law, carry out a lawsuit). We carry him before the throne of God, suing him for his violation of our rights. Guess what? Every time we carry him before the throne of God, judgment is placed against him and he is commanded by the law of God to relinquish his hold and to pay restitution.

On what provisions the Cross affords us! I admonish you as we celebrate this Easter season, to re-evaluate the significance of the blood of Jesus. Get a new revelation of your rights of justification by faith in the blood of Jesus. Stay under the blood and carry Satan to the court of God's law when he violates you.

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## Church Directory

<b>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Danay Sherrer, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.	<b>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON</b> Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:15 p.m.	<b>MULBERRY HTS. CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> R. B. Williams, Minister Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.	<b>NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH</b> Ray Giles-Minister Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	<b>SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	<b>TAYLOR HILL BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Pastor Rev. Lloyd Hodge Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service: 7:00 p.m. Friday Prayer Meeting: 5:00 p.m.	<b>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Donald Marler, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Worship: 7:00 p.m.	<b>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Pastor Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	<b>WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	<b>WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Kenneth Hagler, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	<b>WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Alfred Liser, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	<b>WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH</b> Mike Medley, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:30 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.	<b>ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Jimmy Madden, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.	<b>ZOAR COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Nathan Johnson, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Service: 7:00 p.m.
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## Elba AARP installs new officers



L to R: Jim Gilmer, Joe Guerrero, Martha Guerrero, Sherry Church

## 2003 "Valentine Sweetheart Pageant" planned for Saturday, February 15th

The 2003, "Valentine Sweetheart Pageant" will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. at the Elba High School in Elba, Ala. The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 is sponsoring the pageant, with all proceeds being used to finance numerous Lodge charities and projects. Age divisions will include 0-11 months, 1-2 years, 3-5 years, 6-8 years, 9-11 years, 12-14 years, and 15-18 years. Pageant age will be based upon the age of the contestant prior to February 1, 2003. For more information call Mrs. Starla Amison at (334)897-8301 after 4 p.m. Herb Winters (334)897-3095, Scott Cole (334)897-3898, or Ray Kyle (334)897-5851.

## Cody Sanders is two years old



Cody Sanders

## Wesley Kelley named to Dean's List at Birmingham - Southern

Wesley Kelley of Elba was one of 300 students named to the Dean's List of Distinguished Students for the Fall 2002 Term at Birmingham-Southern College.

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New officers were installed at the December meeting of the Elba AARP Chapter when members gathered for their annual Christmas dinner at the Elba Senior Center. The officers are: Jim Gilmer-President, Joe Guerrero-Vice Pres., Sherry Church-Secretary, Martha Guerrero-Treasurer. New Board members are Mack Donaldson and Donald Lee.

Anyone over 50, can start the New Year by joining the local AARP chapter that meets every third Tuesday night at 6-7 pm for covered dish dinners and informative programs.

The Elba chapter currently has 50 members. Programs include health topics, legislative updates by area representatives, city and county updates, and others. The chapter will participate in "Make a Difference Day" on May 8, 2003.

If you have questions about the local AARP Chapter, call Jim Gilmer, 493-2182 or email him at jimgilmer@alaweb.com.

## Loyd & Virginia Jordan to celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Loyd and Virginia Jordan will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, January 26, 2003 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at Victoria Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall. All family and friends are invited to attend. No gifts please.

## Area students earn Dean's List honors at AU

Several area students were named to Auburn University's summer semester 2002 dean's list for outstanding academic achievement. The minimum requirements to be included on the dean's list at Auburn vary among the university's 12 colleges and schools. Requirements for each school and college are as follows:

- College of Agriculture: 3.70 GPA and 14 semester hours;
- College of Architecture, Design and Construction: 3.70 and 15 hours;
- College of Business: 3.80 and 14 hours;
- College of Education: 3.80 GPA;
- Samuel Ginn College of Engineering: 3.70 and 14 semester hours;
- School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences: 3.70;
- College of Human Sciences: 3.80 and 14 hours;
- College of Liberal Arts: 3.60 GPA;
- School of Nursing: 3.75 GPA;
- Harrison School of Pharmacy: 3.75 GPA and 15 hours;
- College of Sciences and Mathematics: 3.75 and 14 hours; and
- College of Veterinary Medicine: Grades in the upper five percent of the enrollment of the student's class.

Here is a list of area dean's list students: Coffee County-Kinston: Engineering-Jared A. Whigham; Liberal Arts-Abby Elizabeth Whigham



Trevor Matthews

## Trevor Matthews is one year old

Trevor Matthews, son of Troy and Kim Matthews of Kinston, Ala., celebrated his first birthday January 1, 2003, with an Elmo Birthday Party. Trevor is the grandson of Charles and Patsy Matthews of Elba and Tom Frank and Jo Anne Bess of Kinston. He is the great grandson of Minnie Matthews and Ruth Bowtell both of Elba, also helping him celebrate were many aunts, uncles and cousins.



THE ELBA EMPLOYEES OF SOUTHTRUST BANK honored its retirees and board members with a Christmas brunch on Wednesday, December 18, 2002. Retirees in attendance were Oscar Vaughan, Jr., Gerald Tucker, Mary Alice Lee, Lillian Taylor, Elaine Thompson, Jean Hornsby, Lanette Boutwell, and Martha Martin. Board members in attendance were Eddie Kelley, Bill Brunson and Jackie Windham. CEO Mark O'Mary and Branch Administrator Judson Brooks were also in attendance.

## Books that are now available at Elba Public Library

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Bodine, Jack - Outlaw Hell  
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Flynn, T.T. - Prodigal of Death: A Western Quintet  
Johnstone, William W. - Fury of the Mountain Man  
Overholser, Wayne D. - Rainbow Rider, a Western Trio  
Pronzini, Bill - The Gallows Land

**NON-FICTION**  
Auerbach, Ann - Ransom: the Untold Story of International Kidnapping  
Beamer, Lisa - Let's Roll  
Gigliano, Rudolph - Leadership  
Hickox, David - Steel My Soldiers Heart  
Jeremiah, David - My Heart's Desire

**LARGE PRINT FICTION**  
Ball, David W. - China Run  
Jakes, John - Charleston  
Kleypas, Lisa - Lady Sophia's Lover  
Maxwell, Cathy - The Lady is Tempted

**FICTION**  
Brown, Rita Mae - Hotspur  
Brown, Sandra - Riley in the Morning

## Sam Floyd celebrates sixth birthday November 15th

Sam Floyd, the son of Bob and Heather Floyd, celebrated his sixth birthday on November 15 at his friend's home. After a time of play and good food, Sam along with his friend (whom has the same birthday) were treated to a movie. Grandparents are Pam Kevin and Gary Harrison. Great grandparents are R.D. and Leslie Harrison of Elba.

## Clark Family to be in concert at Country Cathedral

The Clark Family, from Geneva, Ala., will be ministering in song and the Word at Country Cathedral, Jan. 26, beginning at 6 p.m. The Cathedral is located on U.S. Hwy 84 E. of Opp. Everyone is cordially invited.

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# SCHOOLS

## Character Trait

by Alex Benbow

This week's character trait is Respect for Others. Having respect for others means that you treat people equally and with the same respect that you wish they would show you. This doesn't involve changing the way that you act but changing the way you think about other people. Instead of looking on the negative side of things, try your hardest to think something positive about a negative situation.

For some people this task would seem impossible, but I don't think we are any of those people here in Elba, Alabama. So try to show respect for others every day you go out into the world. You never know it might just change someone's opinion about you.

## Co-Op Spotlight

by Shawna Hill



This week's spotlight focuses on senior Kristy Ward. She is the 18-year-old daughter of Cathy Ward and is a member of the First Baptist Church.

Kristy is employed at National Security and is involved in a number of activities such as Sr. Beta, EHS Colorguard Captain, Mu Alpha Theta, and FBLA President. Her hobbies consist of traveling, scrap booking, shopping, spending time with family, and talking with friends.

Congratulations to Kristy Ward!

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## Tiger Tales

Editor:  
Sheena Flowers

### Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebrated

January 20 is Inauguration Day. Alabama gets a new governor, and many others take up their political offices.

January 20 is also the celebration of the life and times of Martin Luther King, Jr.

King, who realized that changes in society would take time, would not be surprised that it took two decades after his death to make his birthday a national holiday (although his real birthday is on January 15).

King spent his life fighting for equality, but not without adversity. Mr. King was threatened by many, jailed, and his house was bombed; he was even stabbed once while on a book tour in Harlem by an African-American woman, but he never gave up working and fighting for what he believed in.

Mr. King wrote several books, including *Stride Toward Freedom* (1958) and *Why We Can't Wait* (1964). He also wrote "Letter From Birmingham Jail", which became a classic in the civil rights movement. He was president of SCLC (Southern Christian Leadership Conference), and when he was not preaching at his church on Dexter Avenue in Montgomery, AL, he was often on the road

making speeches. Mr. King also won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 and was Time Magazine's Man of the Year. In 1963, Mr. King delivered the his most recognized and famous work to an audience of 250,000 people in Washington DC, the "I Have a Dream speech", and in 1965, King and 3,200 people marched from Selma to Montgomery. On April 4, 1968, King was assassinated in Memphis, TN, by James Earl Ray, although there is now the question of "did he really do it?" January 20, 1986, was the first celebration of Martin Luther King Day.

### Elba Elementary Menu Jan. 27-31, 2002

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
<b>Monday</b> - Sandwich, 1/2 Orange, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Monday</b> - Pizza, Green Salad, Corn on Cob, Crackers, 1/2 Apple, Milk
<b>Tuesday</b> - French Toast, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Tuesday</b> - Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Roll, Sliced Peaches, Milk
<b>Wednesday</b> - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Wednesday</b> - Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Pineapple Pudding, Milk
<b>Thursday</b> - Breakfast Pizza, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Thursday</b> - Bar-B-Q Pork, Rice, Fried Okra, Bread, 1/2 Orange, Milk
<b>Friday</b> - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Friday</b> - Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Potato Rounds, Green Beans, Applesauce, Milk



PICTURE OF THE WEEK (by Meredith English)...Friends are friends forever...

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### Senior Reflections...by Jessica L. Hathcock

It is finally the last semester and many of the seniors are getting a little bit nervous. Half of the class can't wait until the end of the year and others are wishing it would just slow down. It is hard to believe that in a few months we will be standing in front of our family and friends, being presented our diplomas, and becoming adults. This is something that most of us aren't ready to do, but which we can't escape. Next year we will be off at college, or wherever else we end up, at this time living our own lives. It is so hard to imagine.

I wish that I were back in elementary when the only decisions I had to make was if I wanted orange or grape juice for break. Now I am worried about what college I am going to go to and if I will be accept-

ed. I am worried about scholarships and money for college. It just seems to be one big hurdle after another. Yet, I wouldn't give up these past years for anything. The time that I have spent with my friends will be something I will remember and cherish for always. The words of encouragement from all of my teachers to work hard and accomplish my goals will always keep me pushing forward in everything that I strive to achieve for the rest of my life.

Now that this year is so quickly coming to a close, I am beginning to realize all that I have accomplished in my life so far and all that I am capable of doing in the future. I want to wish all of my fellow classmates and friends a long, happy, and fulfilled life. Have a Great Senior Year!

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by Kimberly Farris

**ALL-STATE AND DISTRICT BAND TRYOUTS...**On Saturday, January 11, 2003 several students from the EHS band traveled to Troy, Alabama to try-out for the All-State Honor Bands and District VIII Honor Bands. The results are as follows: Senior High All-State Honor Band - Katrina Farris and Kimberly Farris; Junior High All-State Honor Band Alternate - Elizabeth Weeks; Senior High District VIII Honor Band - Katrina Farris, Kimberly Farris and Jared Brooks; Junior High District VIII Honor Band - Elizabeth Weeks, Katie Cash and Lauren McClung.

### E.E.S. Faculty 'Spotlight

by Blake Brunson

This week's faculty spotlight is Mrs. Jama Hutchison. Mrs. Hutchison grew up in Elba and graduated from Elba High School. She then attended LBW and TSU where she acquired a degree in Elementary and Early Childhood education. She is married to Benji Hutchison and they have one son, Benji.

When she first came to Elba, Mrs. Hutchison taught 4th grade. Mrs. Hutchison was faced with quite a challenge this year when she was asked to take Mrs. June Clark's kindergarten class mid-year. However, she rose to the challenge and the kids love her. When I asked her



Jama Hutchison

how she did it, she responded, "I love just love children."

### EHS danceline entertains at new level

by Kaci Grantham

This year Elba High School's Dance Line decided to take their dancing to a new level. Performing halftime shows on the football field wasn't enough. The girls mentioned performing at basketball games, but never knew their desire to dance on the court would ever come true. The dances the girls perform are much different from those you're used to seeing at Friday night games. No more leaps and

toe touches! The girls get along well, on and off the court. Although these dancers have fun and enjoy hanging out, they put forth a lot of effort towards perfecting their moves. All of their dances are choreographed by the dance team's captain, Samantha Williams. Since the girls have no sponsor it takes a lot of initiative to put everything together. The girls are wishing continued success throughout their season, as well as the year to come.

**Now and Then:**  
The difference between dating now compared to 40 years ago  
by Brittany Cooper

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| <b>Dating Now:</b>   | <b>Forty Years Ago:</b>   |
| • Now almost everyone are allowed to date.   | • Not many people were allowed to go out on dates.  |
| • Now almost any girl goes out on a date by the time she is 15.  | • Some girls were not allowed to date until they were 16 or even 18.  |
| • Still, the places to go on dates are few and far between, unless you want to spend a whole lot of moola. | • The places to go on dates were few and far between.   |
| • Now it doesn't matter who asks who out on a date. The feelings are usually mutual.                       | • It was tradition for the guys to ask the girls out on dates.  |
| • Now some parents never even see their daughters date.  | • In some families, the guy had to ask for the girl's father's permission to take his daughter out on a date. |
| • Now, whoever wants to go out on the date, pays for it. It's not that important now.                      | • Also, it was tradition for the guy to pay on the date.  |
| • Now, people also go and park their vehicles and "talk".  | • They wasn't allowed to go "park" to have a "talk".  |
| • Some people don't care whether they are in public or not when they hold hands, kiss or whatever else.    | • They wasn't allowed to even hold hands in public.   |

**ESJC to administer GED test**  
The GED Test of High School Equivalency will be administered this spring semester at Enterprise State Junior College. For more information about taking the test and dates for testing, call 393-ESJC, ext. 295. FREE classes to assist students in preparing for the exam are available at the ESJC main campus, the Ft. Rucker campus, as well as other sites in Coffee and Dale Counties.

For more information about the classes, call 393-ESJC, ext. 218.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Coffee County Schools Menu Jan. 27 - 31, 2003

### BREAKFAST

**Monday** - Muffin, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Tuesday** - Sausage Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Wednesday** - Cheese Toast, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Thursday** - French Toast, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Friday** - Biscuit, Chicken, Cereal, Juice, Milk

### LUNCH

**Monday** - Chili, Chicken Nuggets, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Crackers, Fruit, Milk  
**Tuesday** - Beef & Cheese Nachos, Barbecue Sandwich, Baked Beans, Onion Rings, Fruit, Milk  
**Wednesday** - Turkey/ Cheese Hoagie, Steak Sandwich, Breaded Okra, Steamed Broccoli, Fruit, Milk  
**Thursday** - Lemon Pepper Chicken, Sloppy Joes, Whole Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Rolls, Ice Cream Cup, Milk  
**Friday** - Pepperoni Pizza, Hamburger, Vegetable-Manager's Choice-Green Salad, Fruit, Crackers, Milk



MacArthur State Technical College announces the Fall Semester 2002 graduates of the Practical Nursing Program. Graduates are from left to right (Front Row): Michelle Benson Evans of Oak Hill, Heather Adeock of Elba, Tabatha Phillips of Andalusia, Sandi Kersker of Luverne, (Back Row): Vanessa Berry of Troy, Twilla Harrison of Florala, Jamie Shows of Luverne, Wendy Worthy of Opp, Janet Gager of Andalusia, and LaSage Williams of DeFuniak Springs.

### Nursing assistant continuing education course scheduled at MacArthur

MacArthur's Workforce Development and Continuing Education Division will offer Infection Control Update 2003 for nursing assistants and home health aides on Wednesday, January 29, 2003 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. This program is sponsored by the Alabama Department of Public Health. This program will identify the procedures included in Standard Precautions including hand hygiene, Discuss appropriate personal protective equipment for nursing assistants and home health aides. Explain the routes of transmission for AIDS, Hepatitis B and C, MRSA and TB. Explain the disease process and the procedure for reporting an occupational exposure to AIDS, Hepatitis B and C, MRSA and TB.

Anyone interested in attending this course, can contact MacArthur's Workforce Development and Continuing Education Division at (334) 493-3573, ext. 244.

### Troy State holds fall commencement

Troy State University presented degrees to nearly 382 students during fall commencement ceremonies held Dec. 13. Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr., chancellor, presented degrees to students in the College of Arts and Sciences, Sorrell College of Business, College of Communication and Fine Arts, College of Education and College of Health and Human Services. Local students receiving degrees included: Elba (Bachelor's degrees): Katherine Leshea Free, Sasha Kidd O'Neal, Tessa Lee Hall, John Francis Lawless III and Heather Lee Vaughan; (Master's degree): Laura Denise Hall. Jack (Bachelor's degrees): Stacy Brooks Parker and Denise Leigh Locklar. Kinston (Bachelor's degrees): Melinda Sue Ellis, Tafia Baker Davis and Suzanne Miriah Rhoades; (Master's degree): Heatherly Denise Smith. New Brockton (Bachelor's degrees): Angelyn Joyce Tindol and Crystal Vanice Burrows.

### New Brockton Elementary students participate in "Words are Your Wheels"

by Jessica Parrish

The New Brockton Elementary School librarian, Lori Conney, is sponsoring a program called "Words are Your Wheels." This program was inspired by a song with the same name.

The song is about how reading takes you to places in your mind. "Words are Your Wheels" inspired fifth and sixth graders to read.

In this program, students read books for miles to reach their goal of a certain city. The fifth grade had to reach New Orleans while the sixth grade's goal was Miami. The prize was two extra hours of library time. The second place prize was 30 extra minutes of library time.

The sixth grade winner was Mr. Fuller's class and second place was Mrs. Lawrence's class. The fifth grade winner was Mrs. Roberts fifth grade class with Mrs. Burrows fifth grade class placing second.



Mrs. Roberts' fifth grade class at New Brockton Elementary School

### ESJC NEWS

\*\*\*Basic Latin Ballroom Dance returns to Enterprise State Junior College just in time for you to learn the rumba, cha cha, samba, and tango. Prior dancing ability or prior instruction in basic ballroom dance is required. Classes will be held on Mondays, Jan. 27-Mar. 31, 7-9 p.m. in ESJC's Student Center Multipurpose Room. There is a \$110 fee per couple, and the registration deadline is Jan. 20. Registration is accepted only for couples. For more information call 393-ESJC, ext. 234.

\*\*\*Enterprise State Junior College's special interest course Personal Computer Use Made Easy—Level II may interest you. Participants will learn the concepts of computer hardware components and database management and spreadsheets using Microsoft Works software. Successful completion of Personal Computer Use Made Easy—Level I is recommended but not required. A 3 1/2" diskette is required for the first class. There is a \$40 fee for this course, and the registration deadline is January 28. Class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, February 4-13, 6:00-8:00 p.m. For more information call 393-ESJC, ext. 234.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Dennis Lawford DBA - Elba Texaco Food Mart, Inc. have made application to the City of Elba for a Retail Beer and Retail Table Wine off premises consumption at this location, 632 North Claxton Ave., Elba, Alabama. A public hearing will be held by the City Council in their regular meeting in the Council Chamber in City Hall at 5:30 p.m., Monday, February 10, 2003.

### Toliver named head rodeo coach at Troy State

Cliff Toliver has been named head rodeo coach at Troy State University.

Toliver had served as an assistant coach at Murray State University the last two seasons. Murray State, which like Troy State competes in the Ozark Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association, currently ranks fifth on the men's side and second on the women's side.

"We believe that Coach Toliver is the perfect fit for our rodeo program," Troy State Athletics Director Johnny Williams said. "With the talent already here, the support from the local community and Coach Toliver's experience, the rodeo program has a bright future."

During his coaching span at Murray State, Toliver also was plant manager of the university's Organic Pastureization Plant and an assistant farm manager trainee for Scenic Valley Farms in Sparta, N.C. Prior to his coaching career at Murray State, Toliver was a member of the MSU rodeo team from 1999-2001. During that

span, he was named Outstanding Academic Cowboy for having the highest grade-point average of any make on the team. Toliver also competed for two years at Howard Community College in Big Spring, Texas, from 1996-98. As a member of the North Carolina High School Rodeo Association, Toliver was a two-time recipient of the Jeff Hinson Scholarship.

Toliver takes over a program that currently stands sixth on the men's side and seventh on the women's side.

"This rodeo program has enormous potential," Williams said. "Coach Toliver's philosophy and work ethic should take this program to where it needs to be."

Troy State will begin the spring half of their 2002-03 schedule when they travel to Starkville, Miss., to compete in the Mississippi State University College Rodeo on Feb. 20-22.

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## SPORTS

Views from....

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The holiday on Monday gave the Mularz girls an extra day to clean up their rooms and by the end of the day they had actually discovered that they had as many pairs of socks as some of the dollar stores in town. The girls always fuss about needing socks for physical education class or just to wear with their shoes, and instead of digging deep in the laundry basket just run across the street and buy more. Well, on Monday they dug real deep and now they should have enough socks to last until at least the next holiday.

## SPORTING AROUND THE AREA....

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers won two of three games last week to push their record to 5-8, and while the new record may not be anything to get overly excited about, the fact the Tigers have won four of their last six games should be a sign of things to come. This years team was probably the youngest ever at Elba High and still is with as many as four freshmen on the court at any given time. However, the youngsters grew up winning and now that they have gained some varsity experience they have settled in and are playing winning basketball. The latest freshman to step up and shine is Mason Gulley, a slick ball-handler that has proven he can lead the Tigers on the court. Along with fellow freshmen LaRay Williams, Brandon Kelley, Brandy Kelley and Marchello Reed, Gulley and the Tigers' "Kiddy Corp" has come a long way in a short amount of time.

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tigers won all three games last week to even their record at 6-6 on the season. The Lady Tigers were expected to be competitive this season with the return of guards Laguna Mack and Ayonna Proctor, and have been just that as they have battled any and all opponents for all quarters every night out. Last week was a big one for junior guard Ayonna Proctor as she scored 30 points in a win over New Brocton and followed it up with a 25 point outing against Straughn. This little lady has been something special for many years and before she gets finished wearing the black and gold may very well be among the best ever at Elba High in girls basketball.

\*\*\* The Kinston Bulldogs upped their record to 8-13 last week with wins over Arton and Cottonwood, and while their record may be less than impressive, the Bulldogs are very much alive in the fight for the area championship. Kinston has lost only once all season to an area foe, and the Bulldogs can claim some big road wins this week they could very well be in position to take home the title and host the area tournament. It won't be easy, but the Bulldogs have proved once again that records don't always tell the whole story.

\*\*\* Elba native Leavy Boutwell announced his resignation last week as the head football coach at Geneva High School and brought to an end one of the best seven year runs ever in Geneva Panther football history. Coach Boutwell came to Geneva back in 1996 and inherited a team that had posted only one winning season in the last decade. Under his guidance, Boutwell turned the Panthers into a 4A power in the Wiregrass as his teams rolled to 32 consecutive regular season wins, and made four trips to the state playoffs. Last season's 4-6 record dropped his record at Geneva to 55-22, but did little to tarnish the bright coaching career of the former Elba Tiger prep standout. Coach Boutwell left the door open to a possible return to the sidelines, but also loves to teach and is just as dedicated to making certain his students are as successful in the classroom as his teams are on the field. What is next for Leavy Boutwell isn't clear, but one thing that is crystal clear is that this man can coach, and teach, and is a leader of young men and women. That is a trait that can be hard to find these days!

\*\*\* In closing....The Abbeville High School girls basketball team defeated Dale County 89-0 last week in a high school basketball game. The Abbeville girls led 35-0 after one quarter, 64-0 at the half and 81-0 after three quarters on route to the lopsided win, and I suppose the Abbeville fans will make jokes about the shut-out for years to come. All coaches have reasons for what they do, but why a coach would want to embarrass a bunch of girls by running up such a score is beyond me.

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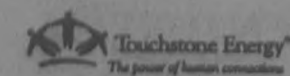
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## Improve record to 4-2 since holiday break

## Tigers take charge late to stop Straughn 64-49

The Elba Tigers evened their area record at 1-1 and moved to 4-8 overall Thursday night by claiming a big 64-49 road win over the Straughn Tigers.

Elba came out ready to play and jumped out to a quick 6-2 lead behind the inside scoring of LaRay Williams and Marcus Henderson, only to see Straughn stage an early rally to pull even at 8-8 with 3:01 left in the opening stanza. Straughn grabbed a lead at 11:10 with 2:17 left, but the Tigers from Coffee County regained the lead at 12:11, seconds later on a Brandon Kelley jumper and carried a 15-14 lead into the second quarter of play.

Elba moved on top 19-16 midway through the second quarter on a Kyle English basket, but Straughn once again rallied and this time went on a 10-2 run to take a 26-21 lead with 1:46 remaining in the half. Kyle English hit four straight free-throws late in the quarter to cut into the Straughn advantage, and at the half Elba went in trailing only 26-25.

Elba regained the lead at 28-26 with 6:31 remaining in the third quarter on a Brandon Kelley steal and lay-up. However, Elba could not pull away from the home standing Tigers of Straughn and despite six points from Kyle English late in the stanza Elba entered the fourth quarter with the score tied at 38-38.

Baskets by Kyle English and Mason Gulley early in the final stanza helped Elba open up a 42-38 lead, and after a Straughn

basket with 6:38 remaining cut the lead to 42-40, the visiting Tigers from Elba reeled off nine straight points to grab a 51-40 lead with 4:46 still left on the clock. Straughn cut the Elba lead to eight points three times over the final minutes, but Elba took command late and pulled away to claim the important 64-49 area win.

Kyle English connected on 11 of 14 free-throws and ended the night with 21 points to lead Elba, while Mason Gulley and Marcus Henderson both scored 11 points and Brandon Kelley added 10. Windham led Straughn with 10 points.

E 15 10 13 26 - 49  
S 14 12 12 11 - 49

Elba (64): English 21, Kelley 10, Gulley 11, Reed 7, Williams 4, Henderson 11. Straughn (49): Hunt 9, Bracewell 3, Hancock 4, Freeman 9, Windham 10, Dier 6, Hendrix 6, Kinsaul 2.

## (B GAME)

The Elba Tiger B team claimed its second win of the week with a 64-55 win over the Straughn Tigers. Stefan Burks poured in 21 points to lead Elba, while Justin Foushee added 12 and Clark Skinner scored 11. Other Elba scorers included Ron Hill 7, Kimmy Morris 5, Lewis Johnson 4, Duke Carr 2, and Lance Sutley 2. Armstrong scored 15 points to lead Straughn.

## Elba dumps Luverne 49-41

The Elba Tigers continued their mid-season surge Friday night when they pulled away late to down the Luverne Tigers 49-41, in Elba.

The win improved the Tigers record to 5-8, 4-2 since the holiday break.

Elba pulled ahead 2-0 early on a pair of free-throws by Marchello Reed and was tied at 4-4 with 3:08 left in the opening stanza on an inside basket by Reed, but the Tigers would score only two points the remainder of the quarter and watched as Luverne slowly pulled out to an 11-6 advantage.

Luverne still owned a five-point lead at 13-8 early in the second quarter. However, Elba's Kyle English nailed two free-throws to cut the lead to 13-10, and then Marcus Henderson, caught fire and scored seven straight points to spark an Elba rally as the hometown Tigers moved ahead 17-13 with 5:38 remaining in the half. Luverne answered the Elba rally with a 5-2 spurt to pull within 19-18 with 2:18 left, but Elba regained command behind the inside scoring punch of Marcus

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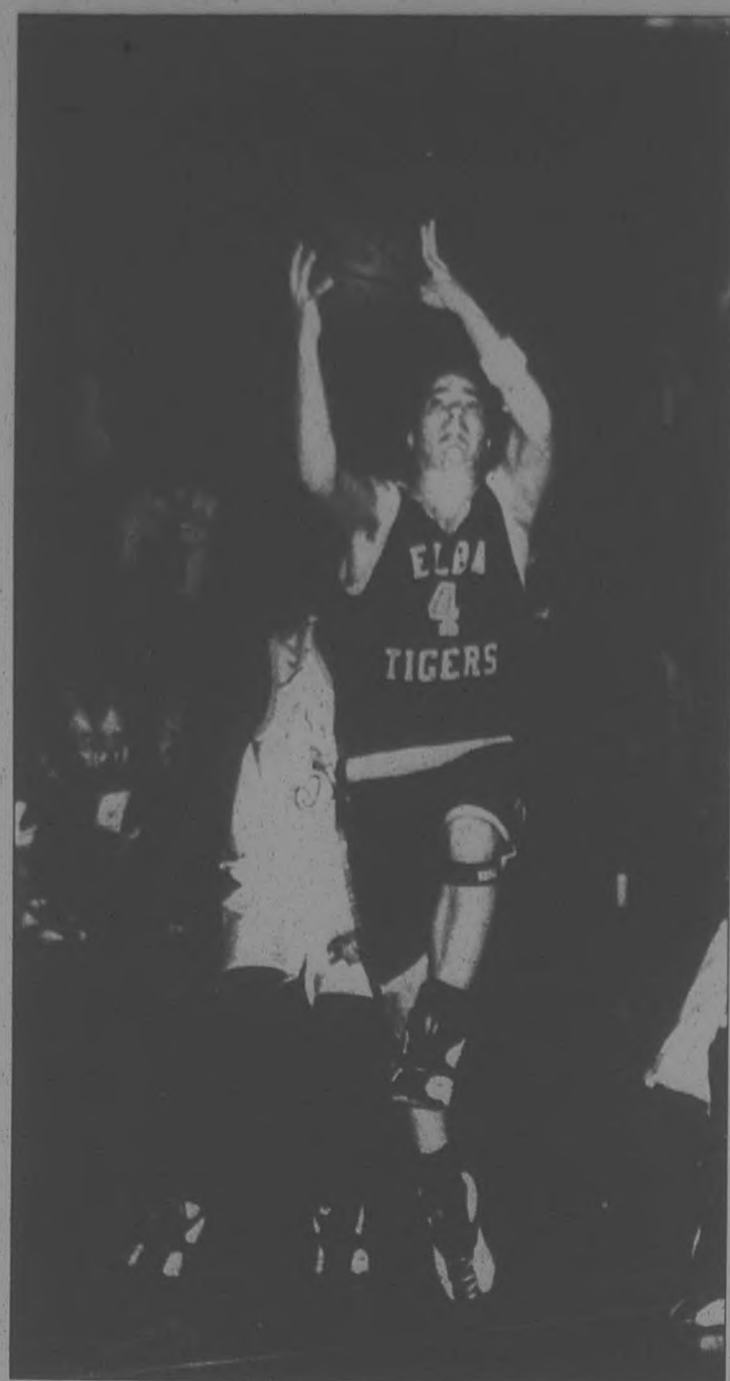
Elba (49): English 10, Kelley 2, Gulley 9, Reed 9, Williams 2, Henderson 15, Brett Parrish 2. Luverne (41): Mitchell 14, Green 3, Burnett 12, Parks 6, McClain 7, Bagens 2.

## (B GAME)

The Elba Tiger B team fell one-point short of claiming three wins in a week as they fell to Luverne 38-37. Stefan Burks scored 12 points to lead Elba, while other Tiger scorers included Ron Hill 9, Duke Carr 8, Justin Foushee 5 and Clark Skinner 3. Franklin scored 14 points to lead Luverne.

## Ten Star Basketball Camp now accepting player applications

Applications are now being accepted for the Ten Star All-Star Summer Basketball Camp. The camp is by invitation only and is for boys and girls ages 10-19. Past participants include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Anwar Ibrahim. Area camp locations include Atlanta, GA.; Babson Park, FL.; Hickory, N.C. For a free brochure call (704) 373-0873.



Elba Tiger Kyle English (4) drives in for a lay-up during recent basketball action. English scored 21 points last week to spark the Tigers to a key area win over Straughn.

## In 71-68 loss

## Elba Tiger rally falls short

The Elba Tigers hosted their cross-county neighbors from New Brocton last Tuesday night and staged a furious fourth quarter rally to take the lead only to run out of gas and see the Gamecocks leave town with a wild 71-68 win.

Elba came out looking to even the score against the Gamecocks after an early season loss in New Brocton and jumped out to a quick 9-3 lead behind the inside scoring of Marchello Reed and the outside touch of Brandon Kelley. New Brocton answered the early Elba run with an 8-0 run of its own and moved on top 11-9 with 1:19 remaining in the opening stanza, only to see the Tigers regain the lead briefly at 12-11 on a three-pointer by Kyle English. The Gamecocks scored the final four points of the stanza; however, and carried a 15-12 lead into the second quarter.

The duo of Marchello Reed and Brandon Kelley sparked an Elba rally early in the second quarter, but New Brocton was again up to the challenge and sparked by LaNorris Smith reeled off 13 unanswered points to grab a big 28-19 lead with 1:41 remaining in the half. Parrish added 15.

NB 15 13 22 21 - 71  
EL 12 10 22 24 - 68

N.B. (71): Williams 8, Foster 2, Hart 19, Sawson 5, Danford 2, R. Foster 4, Parrish 15, Smith 10, Owens 6.

Elba (68): English 6, Kelley 16, Gulley 6, Reed 14, Henderson 24.

## (B GAME)

The Elba Tiger B team got back in the win column with a 42-32 win over New Brocton. Clark Skinner scored 14 points and Lewis Johnson added 13 to lead the Tigers, while other Elba scorers included Lonzo Cooks 7, Ron Hill 4, Duke Carr 3 and Justin Foushee 3. Channon Stuckey scored 13 points to lead New Brocton.

## Liberty Belles fast-pitch team to hold tryouts

The 10 yrs. and under Liberty Belles traveling tournament team will be holding tryouts at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25 (weather permitting) at the Recreation Center Field #2 in Enterprise. Anyone 10-years-old or younger on Jan. 1, 2003 that is interested in playing competitive fast pitch softball should call Michael Perry at (334)347-8088.

## SPORTS

## Even record for season at 6-6

## Elba Lady Tigers roll to three straight wins

The Elba Lady Tigers hit the court three times last week and posted three impressive wins to even their record for the season at 6-6.

Following are highlights of all three Elba wins:

## ELBA 58

## N.B. 45

The Elba Lady Tigers opened the busy week of action on Tuesday night and rolled to a big 58-45 win over the New Brocton Lady Gamecocks, in Elba.

Elba jumped out to a quick 5-0 lead on an inside basket by Whitney Lawford and a three-pointer by Laguna Mack. The Lady Tigers carried a 14-7 lead into the second quarter, but saw New Brocton come out on fire in the stanza as the Lady Gamecocks went on a 9-0 run to take their first lead at 16-14 with 2:37 left in the half.

A Laguna Mack three-pointer put Elba back on top 17-16 with 2:14 left, and sparked by the play of Mack and Ayonna Proctor, the Lady Tigers regained command and went in at intermission with a 26-18 lead.

Elba moved ahead 29-19 early in the third quarter on a three-pointer by Ayonna Proctor and appeared to be ready to pull away. However, the Lady Gamecocks had other ideas and sparked by the play of Maressa Loman staged another rally to cut the Elba lead to 31-28 with 3:29 still left in the quarter.

A three-pointer by Laguna Mack quieted the New Brocton run, and the Lady Tigers regained control late as they carried a 37-28 lead into the final stanza. The Lady Tigers opened up a 41-30 lead early in the fourth quarter on a short jumper by Latoya Tyson, but New Brocton refused to quit and led by Connie Brown rallied yet again to chop the Elba lead to 43-37 by the end of the half.

Elba moved ahead 43-37 early in the third quarter, but Elba hung close and pulled within 29-28 with 5:04 remaining on a jumper by Ayonna Proctor. A Proctor free-throw with 2:13 left kept the Lady Tigers within one at 33-32. However, Straughn refused to give up its lead and carried a 37-34 lead into the final quarter of play. The Lady Tigers regained the lead for the first time since the opening seconds of the game at 40-39 with 6:18 left on a jumper by Ayonna Proctor, and pulled ahead 44-41 with 4:26 remaining on back-to-back baskets by Danae Ware. Straughn regained the lead at 45-44 with 3:02 left on the clock, but it was the last time the hometown team would score, while Elba scored the final seven points of the game and posted the exciting 51-45 win.

Ayonna Proctor scored 25 points to lead Elba, while LaToya Tyson added 11. Parker scored 20 points to lead Straughn.

Elba (51): Proctor 25, Ware 6, Lawford 3, Reynolds 6, Tyson 11.

Straughn (45): Turner 13, Noll 6, Cochran 5, McLendon 1, Parker 20.

Elba (44) LUVIERNE 38

The Elba Lady Tigers made it a clean sweep for the week on Friday night by defeating the Luverne Lady Tigers 44-38, in Elba.

Elba came out ready to play and jumped out to a quick 7-2 lead when Whitney Lawford connected on a long three-pointer from the corner. A basket by Yoyo Reynolds upped the Elba lead to 11-5 with 2:39 left in the opening stanza, and the Lady Tigers carried a 14-8 lead into the second quarter after Tunisia Thigpen converted a late three-point play. Ashley Gibson helped Elba move on top 16-12 with 5:17 left in the second quarter, and when Yoyo Reynolds converted a steal into an easy basket the Lady Tigers were in command at 21-13 with 2:46 remaining on the clock. Luverne attempted a late rally and did score the final points of the half, but it did little but change the score as Elba went in at intermission with a 26-18 advantage.

The Lady Tigers continued to be in command early in the third quarter and moved ahead 36-24 with 1:30 left in the stanza on a rebound and put back by Whitney Lawford. Elba carried a 37-26 lead into the fourth quarter and appeared to have the win wrapped up when two free-throws by Ayonna Proctor gave the Lady Tigers a 43-32 lead with 3:03 left on the clock. However, Luverne staged a late rally and fought until the final buzzer, but was unable to threaten Elba as the Lady Tigers held on for the 44-38 win.

Ayonna Proctor scored 15 points and Whitney Lawford added 13 to lead Elba, while Kerri Griffin scored 13 to lead Luverne.

Elba (44): Proctor 15, Ware 4, Thigpen 6.

Luverne (38): Barber 6, Harris 6, Vardaro 11, Griffin 13, Henry 2.

## High School ROUNDBALL ROUNDUP



Kinston's Brittany Hunko heads upcourt during a recent Lady Bulldog win. The Lady Bulldogs kept their area title hopes alive last week with a win over Arton.

## Zion Chapel falls to Houston County 69-47

The Zion Chapel Rebels fell behind early and never threatened in a 69-47 loss to the Houston County Lions. Monday night at Zion Chapel, Jonah Edmondson scored 13 points to lead the Rebels, while Michael Rayburn added 11 and Luke Taylor scored 10. Tavares Black scored 24 points to lead the Lions.

## Z.C. Lady Rebels suffer 55-30 area loss

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels jumped into area action Monday night at home and suffered a 55-30 loss to Houston County. Kim Rayburn scored 10 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Kendra Brewer scored 19 for Houston County.

## Kinston Bulldogs squeeze past Arton 48-46

The Kinston Bulldogs stayed alive in the area race with a hard fought 48-46 win over the Arton Purple Cats, Thursday night in Kinston. Lee Whigham scored 23 points and J.T. Wiggins added 14 for the (7-13) Bulldogs, while T.R. Oliver scored 17 points for the (4-12) Purple Cats.

## Kinston Lady Bulldogs post 46-38 area win

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs moved their record to 8-9 on Thursday night with a 46-38 win over the Arton Lady Cats. Samantha Wambles scored 15 points and grabbed 20 rebounds to lead Kinston, while Sherrylin Lipitrot scored 16 points for the Lady Cats.

## Zion Chapel drops area battle to Lions 53-44

The Zion Chapel Rebels traveled to Houston County on Friday night and dropped a 53-44 area decision to the Lions. Michael Rayburn and Luke Taylor both scored 13 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Tavares Black scored 15 points to lead Houston County.

## New Brocton falls to G.W. Long 45-27

The New Brocton Gamecocks found points hard to come by Friday night in a 45-27 loss to the G.W. Long Rebels. Brett Parrish scored 11 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Kyle Wisam scored 11 points to lead the (17-5) Rebels from G.W. Long.

## Bulldogs tame Cottonwood Bears 41-38

The Kinston Bulldogs moved a step closer to claiming the area title with a 41-38 win over the Cottonwood Bears, Friday night in Kinston. J.T. Wiggins scored 20 points and Jeremy Driver added 12 to lead the (8-13) Bulldogs to the win.

## Lady Gamecocks tripped up by Long 48-41

The New Brocton Lady Gamecocks battled until the final horn before falling to the G.W. Long Lady Rebels 48-41, Friday night at G.W. Long. Maressa Loman scored 13 points to lead New Brocton, while Rena Donaldson and Renita Lawson both added 10 points. Shannon Newman scored 20 points to lead the (17-2) Lady Rebels.

## High School BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

## THURSDAY, JAN. 23

Pleasant Home at Kinston (4:30) JV-VG-VB

## FRIDAY, JAN. 24

Abbeville at Elba (5:00) JV-VG-VB  
Kinston at Arton (4:30) JV-VG-VB  
New Brocton at Luverne (4:30) JV-VG-VB

## SATURDAY, JAN. 25

Wicksburg at New Brocton (4:30) JV-VG-VB

## MONDAY, JAN. 27

Georgiana at Elba (4:30) JV-VG-VB

## TUESDAY, JAN. 28

Zion Chapel at Elba (4:30) JV-VG-VB  
New Brocton at Goshen (4:30) JV-VG-VB  
Houston County at Kinston (6:00) VG-VB

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During Coffee County Commission meeting

## Resident calls for full-time commissioners

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission meeting Monday, Jan. 27, was relatively short; however, those in attendance got quite a show as one county resident's remarks stirred some difference of opinions among the commissioners.

John B. Farris addressed the commission Monday morning and quickly let it be known that he believes the county should be represented by three full-time commissioners instead of seven part-time ones.

Farris lives in the district represented by Commissioner Bernest Brooks, and he said the county needs commissioners who can be reached everyday by the residents. Instead, he said he feels as though the burden of dealing with county problems is left up to county engineer Randy Tindell, who is in the office everyday.

As Farris addressed the commission, Brooks asked him if he

had ever tried to call him concerning issues. Farris said he had not because he felt as though he would not get him. To this, Brooks invited Farris to try and call him next time.

"I might surprise you," Brooks said.

Farris also questioned how the districts are divided within the county, and Brooks explained the division was necessary following the ruling of the lawsuit Dillard vs. Crenshaw in which the justice department said minorities had the right to have districts split in a fashion to allow the minority to have a 65 percent majority in one district.

Brooks said the population of blacks in Coffee County called for a division of the districts to allow a minority district on the board.

As Farris concluded his remarks, Commissioner Tom Grimsley said he agreed wholeheartedly with Farris concerning the full-time commissioners.

"I think we need three full-time commissioners and a full-time elected chairman," Grimsley said.

His remarks were echoed by Commissioner Doug Dalrymple who said he too feels the county would be better served by three full-time commissioners.

Before the meeting concluded, it became evident that Brooks had taken offense to the morning's remarks as he insinuated another commissioner may have had something to do with Farris' address.

"For a commissioner to sit up here and prompt someone to come here and do this, I think this is unprofessional," he said.

On a positive note, Commission Chairman Robert Stephens discussed a few good things involving the county.

"We're in good financial shape," he said.

Stephens commended the

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## Elba COC looking to make move in near future

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Chamber of Commerce/Elba Economic and Development office knows a little bit about moving around, and the dual office will soon have a place of its own to call "home."

With the rehabilitation project of the levee underway, the state recently acquired several homes that were located too close to the levee and marked for removal. One such home, acquired by the state, was given to the City of Elba with the understanding it would be moved from that location. According to Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce/Elba Economic and Development office, that is when the idea to create a permanent home for the dual office was born.

"Mayor James Grimes thought this home would be a wonderful site for the chamber and economic development office," she said. "Our project began at that point."

Of course, the first question to be answered was where to move the home, and Whitworth said the most obvious place was an area of the city in which plans were already underway to

begin some redevelopment.

The downtown area along Putnam Street where the old Coffee County Jail is located has been marked for redevelopment for quite some time, and Whitworth said the work is finally coming together to get these things done.

The future chamber/economic development home was moved to one side of the jail with the old Jim Folsom home being moved on the other side, and plans are to create a "remember when" atmosphere in this area of town as each of the three sites is set to be restored.

"We are going to restore the chamber/economic development home as antique looking as possible," Whitworth said. "We certainly feel it will be an asset to our office to be located in this section of town especially with the Folsom home and jail projects ongoing."

She said the idea with the Folsom home is to create a museum out of the former governor's birth place by restoring the inside and outside of the home and developing an heirloom garden with fencing around it. As for the jail, she said the project is still underway and this too will one day

be a site for visitors to come and see and learn a bit about Coffee County's history.

"Some day, some way, somehow, we are going to complete the jail project," Whitworth said.

For now, the focus is the completion of the chamber/economic development home in which Whitworth said most of the work so far has been done by the city. However, she said the chamber/economic development office is going to need to come up with some funding to complete the project, and the dual office is looking for some volunteer work of local organizations also to keep the cost of renovation down.

"We will gladly accept any antique donations from local citizens to spruce up the home," she said. "And, we would love to have the help of local garden clubs, etc. with the landscaping around the home."

At this point, the brick work around the house has been completed, and Whitworth said the next project will be to install white siding on the house accented with black shutters. As for the inside of the home, she said she and assistant chamber director Lisa Hanchey will each have an office. There will also be a large conference room and kitchen area inside the home.

"I feel as if this home will not only benefit the chamber and economic development offices, but it will be a building to benefit the whole community," Whitworth said. "With the large conference room and kitchen area, this building could be an ideal spot to host business and social events."

At this point, Whitworth said the plans are to complete the renovations by late Spring or early Summer; however, she said that is not a definite time frame. Any person or group interested in volunteering to help with the renovations or to donate an antique for the office, please contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce at 897-3125.



Elba Chamber of Commerce executive director Kaye Whitworth and assistant director Lisa Hanchey discuss plans for the house which will one day soon become the permanent location for the chamber office. Renovation work already has begun on this home, and the ladies each said they are excited to see the final outcome of the project. No timeline has been set for the renovation to be complete, but the desire is to finish as soon as possible.

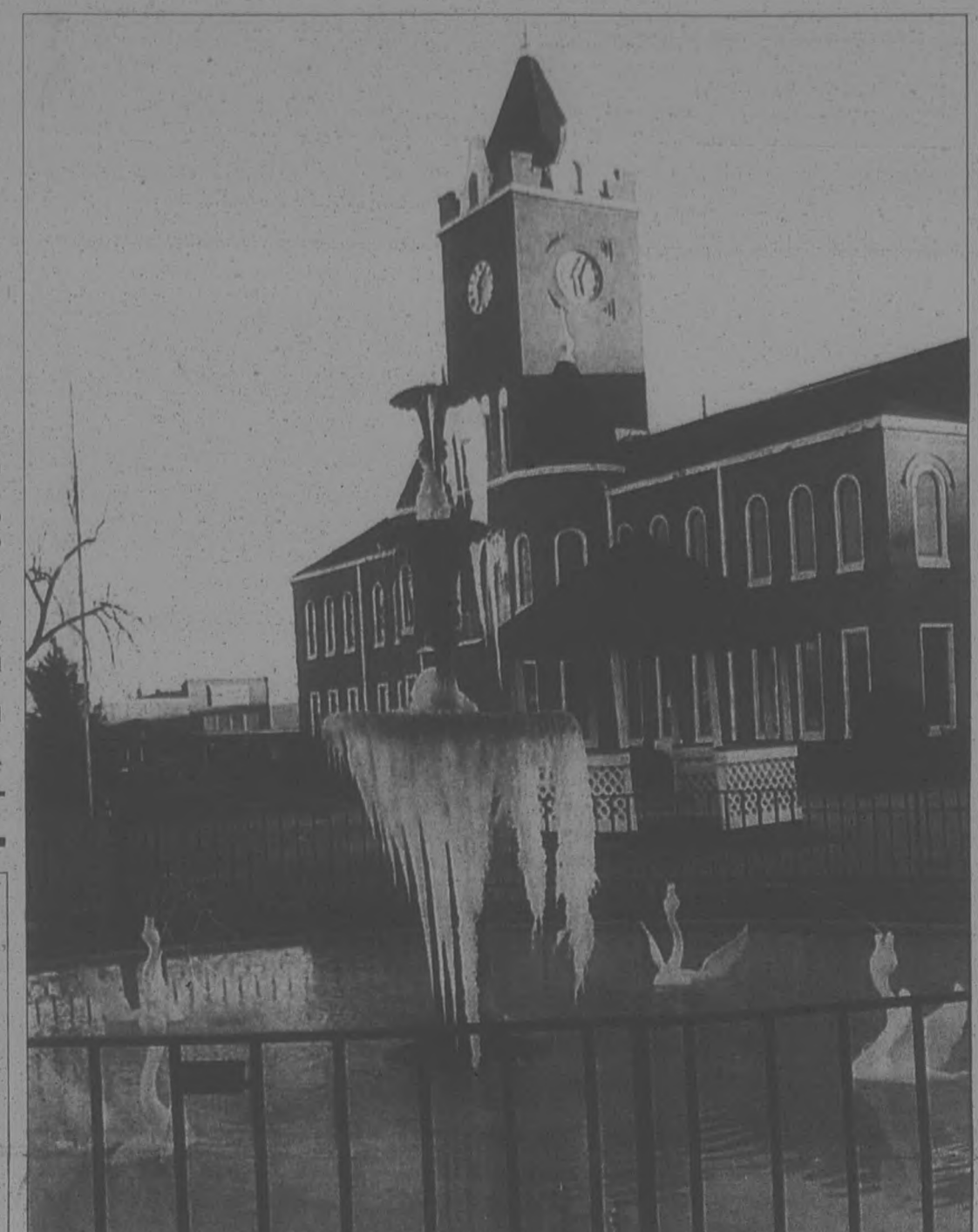
## Area Happenings

**THE NEW BROCKTON TOWN COUNCIL**, will hold its regular monthly meeting, Monday, Feb. 3, at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at New Brockton Town Hall. The water board will hold its meeting ahead of the council at 5:30 p.m. at the same location.

**COFFEE COUNTY LAKE**, will open for the season on SATURDAY, FEB. 8.

## \*NOTICE\*

Revenue Commissioner Roanne Burns reminds Coffee County property owners that the deadline to pay property taxes without a penalty is Friday, Jan. 31 (TOMORROW).



**ARCTIC BLAST FREEZES COFFEE COUNTY.** Residents of Elba and Coffee County joined many others across the southeast portion of the United States late last week in trying to stay warm as the area weathered extremely cold temperatures from an Arctic blast. Area residents were awakened to the coldest temperatures from the blast Friday morning, Jan. 24, as thermometers registered in the low teens. Although the unseasonably cold temperatures made it hard to stay warm, it did allow for the creation of some beautiful ice sculptures. The fountain in the courtyard at the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba was no exception as the water flowing through the well froze to create a fountain of hanging icicles. The above picture was taken at approximately 7 a.m. last Friday morning as the clock outside The Peoples Bank in Elba registered the temperature at 15 degrees, and although last week's weather conditions reminded area residents that it does indeed get cold in the south occasionally, temperatures have slowly been returning to the norm this week.

## Elba's Workman's Comp insurance increases drastically

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

A short, routine meeting of the Elba City Council Monday evening resulted in council members getting one bit of unpleasant news.

Workman's Comp insurance for the city showed an 88 percent increase. A similar increase will hit the Elba Water and Electric Department, Mayor James Grimes told council members. The city's cost will rise from \$41,055 in 2002 to \$77,350 in 2003.

Grimes reminded council members that Elba is insured with a group put together several years ago within the Alabama League of Municipalities.

Efforts to find an alternate insurer failed, according to the mayor.

City employees experienced an unusually high claims year during 2002, which is the cause of the big increase. There were three claims of over \$30,000 according to City Clerk Wayne Grantham. This experience rate will reflect on the City's expense record for three years.

Permanent injury expenses continue to impact the experience rate used by the insurance companies to determine annual rates. Council members accepted the increase as something they had to have and vowed to launch and maintain an intense safety campaign to prevent

injuries and thus expensive Workman's Comp expenses.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth reported to the council that the new computers have been installed, but complete networking is still underway. He received permission from the council to get prices on the new software needed to record and integrate all departmental records.

Grimes reported that the Federal Emergency Management Agency has completed its audit of the flood buy-out program. The city is expecting a written report on the find-

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**TOPS IN NATION.** The Coffee County 4-H Meats Judging Team placed 1st at the National contest held in Denver, Colo. on January 11th. Shown from left are Stan Windham, County Agent; Carrie Edwards, Enterprise; John Sawyer, New Brockton; Heather Carroll, New Brockton; Ann Schieffer, New Brockton; and Tom Benner, Auburn University. The top five teams at the contest were Alabama, Wisconsin, Indiana, Colorado, and Minnesota. Ranking individually, overall winners were Carrie Edwards first place, Heather Carroll second place, and Ann Schieffer third place.